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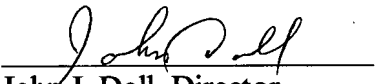
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there is a difference of more than 6 months between the effective filing dates of the interfering applications, except in exceptional situations, as determined and approved by the group director. This difference based on the character of the invention at least implies that an exceptional situation would be present for inventions of an extremely complex nature. The invention in this case is a transgenic animal which is extremely complex in nature and therefore would warrant the declaration of an interference even if the difference between the effective filing dates of the interfering applications were more than six months. Third, as group director, I am aware of the interfering applications, and I approve of the declaration of interference.

Accordingly, there is no reason to expedite the mailing of the formal Notice of Allowance and the issuance of a patent in connection with the above-noted patent application at this time and consequently the request is denied.

REQUEST DENIED.


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